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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program—Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons detailed customs district of lading and country and continent of destination data are not shown in published export statistics for selected commodities, referred to as Special Category commodities. The data for individual customs districts and continents, therefore, exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but over-all shipping weight and value totals for exports of Special Category commodities are included in table 1. Effective January 1965, some changes were made in security restrictions, without a corresponding change in restrictions applying to earlier periods. Therefore, the customs district and continent totals for 1965 include data for exports of some commodities which are no longer classified as Special Category commodities beginning in 1965, but which were not included in customs district and continent totals prior to 1965 since they were classified as Special Category commodities at that time. Because of this, and also because of changes in the content of Special Category commodities effective January 1965, the district and continent statistics shown in this report for 1965 are not completely comparable with those for earlier periods. Further information regarding Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability on a 2 chances out of 3 basis of value totals. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

Effective July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $251 and over. With the exception of the value data shown in the column for "All carriers", the statistics shown in table 2 for value and shipping weight reflect fully compiled data exclusively. The value data shown for "All carriers" represent fully compiled data combined with estimated data for shipments valued $250 or less reported on both formal and informal entries, based on a 1-percent sample of such shipments. (Informal entries, by definition, contain items valued not more than $250.)

Prior to July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflected fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $100 and over. Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 were entirely excluded from the airborne import statistics. Estimated data for informal entry shipments valued $250 or less, based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments, were included in the column showing value data for "All carriers" in table 2, but were excluded from the other statistics in this table.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Effective July 1965, value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than three percent while value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]42,316	(X)	12,797	6,944	15,677	2,731	528	695	[2]231,892	(X)	36,429	18,213	130,529	22,779	4,650	3,571
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[2]15,989	5,798	1,828	5,246	1,263	118	259	(X)	[2]89,730	15,216	5,940	45,398	8,440	1,069	1,481
Massachusetts.....	502	220	96	61	327	6	(Z)	4	3,156	1,515	439	176	2,424	68	7	22
Connecticut.....	8	-	(Z)	-	8	-	-	-	21	-	4	-	16	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	174	174	167	-	8	-	-	-	818	818	799	-	20	-	-	-
New York.....	19,800	7,163	2,313	1,413	13,238	1,121	87	570	141,539	49,132	12,266	5,775	110,267	7,875	699	2,816
Philadelphia.....	145	55	-	2	137	2	(Z)	(Z)	616	151	-	8	590	5	1	3
Maryland.....	199	196	26	-	111	32	-	22	881	880	95	-	621	22	-	138
Florida.....	11,841	3,919	5,868	5,250	75	4	(Z)	3	20,435	6,764	8,529	11,023	155	13	1	10
New Orleans.....	579	164	448	46	9	8	-	3	1,242	388	918	187	33	35	-	11
Galveston.....	400	301	208	5	62	59	1	33	1,917	1,332	707	27	600	334	25	179
Laredo.....	170	149	154	9	-	2	(Z)	-	793	726	656	65	-	52	(Z)	-
Los Angeles.....	838	324	142	61	225	239	91	6	8,329	2,361	612	558	3,104	3,076	781	51
San Francisco.....	1,544	414	34	20	149	945	261	4	15,288	2,922	191	220	2,264	9,487	2,839	32
Oregon.....	35	35	2	-	21	-	-	11	682	682	27	-	478	-	-	171
Washington.....	263	219	200	2	7	49	(Z)	-	1,215	818	941	12	108	147	1	-
Alaska.....	91	36	23	-	51	12	-	-	170	37	20	-	101	46	-	-
Hawaii.....	168	50	37	-	(Z)	54	74	(Z)	877	304	32	-	6	584	249	(Z)
Montana and Idaho.....	56	55	56	-	-	-	-	-	313	302	313	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	60	53	60	-	-	-	-	-	255	244	255	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	6	6	5	-	-	1	-	-	43	43	29	-	-	12	-	-
Michigan.....	459	349	200	1	215	5	-	11	1,255	896	263	3	934	12	-	20
Chicago.....	2,407	727	1,146	1	991	167	13	25	14,891	6,115	6,122	13	7,788	696	46	113
Ohio.....	352	22	347	-	1	3	-	-	1,295	134	1,280	-	4	10	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	771	602	670	56	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	669	561	592	37	1	-	-	1
All other Customs districts.....	691	233	596	17	42	22	-	1	2,785	1,678	1,337	108	1,014	306	-	3
Special Category[3]	755	522	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	12,408	10,926	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.
D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals except such shipments to Canada which are only included in the totals for all carriers and in the all carriers total for all other customs districts.

[2] Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2 3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	23,491	(X)	5,594	1,234	12,847	3,706	33	77	154,691	(X)	13,880	3,938	106,965	23,247	679	1,477
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	13,134	3,915	492	6,058	2,625	7	38	(X)	65,824	5,336	1,649	43,690	14,548	218	383
Massachusetts	220	157	17	1	199	2	-	-	1,647	1,089	115	4	1,263	30	-	-
Connecticut	1	(Z)	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo	35	27	35	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	411	325	327	-	4	1	-	-
New York	12,505	5,761	357	373	10,991	696	15	73	112,968	42,138	5,668	2,325	95,551	5,447	255	1,421
Philadelphia	40	29	(Z)	-	39	1	-	-	364	214	10	-	252	15	-	-
Maryland	127	118	1	-	126	1	-	-	1,552	1,420	45	-	1,438	1	-	-
Florida	1,889	676	1,034	813	18	24	(Z)	(Z)	4,069	2,057	1,454	1,472	830	139	(Z)	1
New Orleans	156	77	152	(Z)	3	(Z)	(Z)	-	152	84	94	4	16	3	3	-
Galveston	19	8	15	2	1	1	-	-	241	28	47	10	11	8	-	-
Laredo	402	364	402	-	-	(Z)	-	-	202	143	199	-	-	4	-	-
Los Angeles	760	419	45	18	108	585	4	(Z)	6,608	2,698	631	76	1,536	3,794	179	16
San Francisco	2,008	1,453	22	1	135	1,840	9	1	11,562	7,246	444	14	1,308	9,395	165	6
Oregon	2	2	1	-	1	(Z)	-	-	129	129	123	-	6	(Z)	-	-
Washington	216	205	26	-	1	188	(Z)	-	4,021	3,821	955	-	8	3,028	1	-
Alaska	12	10	1	-	2	9	-	-	57	36	5	-	17	29	-	-
Hawaii	28	9	8	-	(Z)	15	4	-	299	67	11	-	1	184	77	-
Montana and Idaho	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	55	27	30	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	3	2	3	-	(Z)	-	-	-	26	21	24	-	1	-	-	-
Minnesota	(Z)	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	459	380	67	-	387	3	-	2	607	431	41	(Z)	514	24	-	3
Chicago	3,761	3,270	2,680	(Z)	741	338	-	1	8,632	3,702	3,189	1	4,024	1,094	-	29
Ohio	23	(Z)	21	-	2	(Z)	(Z)	-	336	1	228	-	43	1	(Z)	-
Puerto Rico	747	159	690	24	31	1	-	-	429	103	164	27	116	10	-	-
All other Customs districts	76	5	13	1	61	(Z)	-	-	296	45	76	6	24	42	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data for shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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